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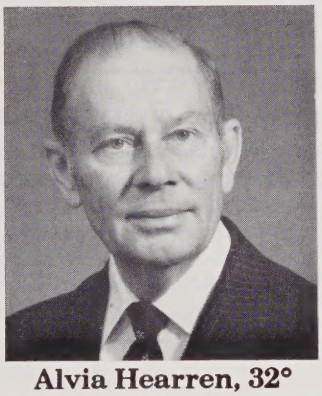

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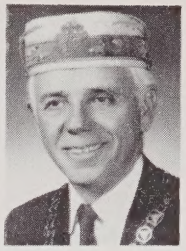

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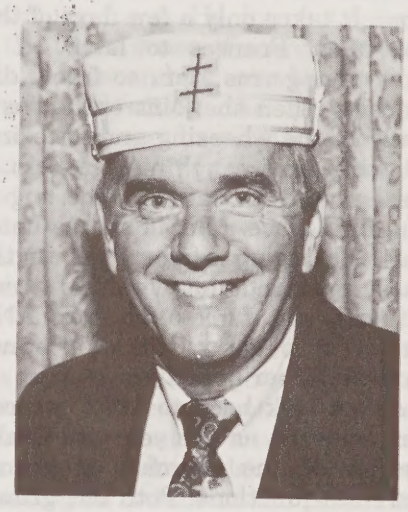

Happy New Year! It is my fond desire that 1993 will be filled with all good things for you and yours. It is also my desire that this year all of us will assume the responsibility that is ours to make the Scottish Rite in New Bern all that it can be.

Our Christmas Open House was a tremendous success as hundreds of friends with happy hearts joined together to share an afternoon of joyous fellowship. The Temple was beautifully decorated and the table was laden with delicious treats prepared by several of our ladies. For many the highlight of the day was the arrival of that jolly old elf from the North Pole, Santa Claus, who delighted the hearts of all who were present. I would like to express my appreciation to every person who shared their talents to make this a most memorable day.

Many activities have been scheduled for 1993. The first is the Sweetheart Banquet to be held Saturday, February 6 at 6:30 P.M. in the Temple dining room. A delicious meal will be prepared by Brother Cliff Meadows and his crew from the Craven Chapter, OES. Following our meal Brother Ricky Vernon and his lovely wife, Jane, will entertain us with song. Tickets for this gala evening are available in our office at $5.00 per person. If you have not received your ticket, please do so soon, and invite others to join us for this special event.

Don't forget the trip to Branson, MO in early May. The itinerary and reservation form may be found in this issue of THE BAGPIPE. I hope that you will join us for this fun trip with Crystal Coast Tours.

Our Maundy Thursday service of Extinguishing the Lights will be held in the Temple auditoruim on April 8 at 8:00 P.M. Reverend Brother Howard Simpson, 32°, pastor of the Roper Baptist Church, will be our speaker for the evening. A dedicated and active member of our Fraternity, Brother Simpson is a member of our Scottish Rite choir. The Easter service of "Re-lighting the Lights" will be observed on Easter Sunday, April 11 immediately following breakfast which will be served at 7:00 A.M. in the Siefert Dining Room. Make plans now to be present at these most important Scottish Rite observances.

The Charles T. Potter Reunion is fast approaching; the dates are April 1,2 and 3. It is imperative that every Scottish Rite Mason in this Valley become busy securing candidates to honor the memory of our beloved Charlie.

All brethren attending the spring reunion will be required to show their dues card. Admission to the spring reunion will be granted with a 1992 or 1993 dues card. Beginning with the fall reunion and all reunions thereafter, a current dues card will be required. This action was taken by the Advisory Conference in order that we might be in compliance with Masonic statutes. Those who have not paid their 1993 dues by reunion time may do so upon arrival at the spring reunion.

I would like to thank Brothers Ray H. Early, Jr., 33°, and Eddie Paul, 33°, for their exemplary service to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General's Advisory Conference during the past four years. Their terms of office expired on December 31, 1992. Again, thanks to them for a job well done. Brothers Bill Leggett, 33°, of Kinston and Jerry Stapleford, 32° KCCH, of New Bern were elected to serve on this Conference for the next four years. We welcome them to the conference and look forward to working with them in this capacity.

We have recently learned that our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ill. Brother H. Lloyd Wilkerson, 33°, has been appointed as Lt. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council. We extend to him heartfelt congratulations and pledge our continued support to him in all his endeavors on our behalf.

Fraternally,

Billy

William L. Kilpatrick, 33°
Secretary

Something Else

Reynold Davenport, 33°

As this is written (early January), Mary Frances and I are battling our two-year colds. Two-year colds because we came down with them in late 1992 and still have them in 1993.

Our usual annual procedure is for me to go off somewhere and pick up a particularly rotten bug, then bring it home and nurture it into full blossom. It takes only a few days of this for Mary Frances to latch on to whatever germs I am so freely dispensing, then she joins enthusiastically in the wheezing and sneezing, blowing and coughing program. I hate myself for catching the bug in the first place, Mary Frances hates me for bringing it to her, so I am the most hated individual on this street. It isn't any fun to be sick AND hated throughout the Christmas and New Year holidays.

As we look back to 1992, we can remember it as the year we finally performed the ultimate in grandparental functions. Both our grandsons took brides unto themselves last summer and on each occasion Mary Frances and I served adequately and logically as grandparents of the groom. I had never before noticed—being neither a fan nor a connoiseur of weddings—that grandparents are so highly regarded during nuptial proceedings, so I accordingly bloomed in self-esteem when I found we were ranked right next to the mother in order of procession and seating. On the other hand, I felt sort of like a pallbearer when I was furnished a boutonniere.

The lady in charge of one of those weddings would have made one heck of a drill sergeant. She told the bride how to carry her corsage, the best man how to stand, the bridesmaids how to walk, and she bossed the ushers around like a squad of recruits. She even told the preacher what to do, but I reckon that was to be expected, he being her husband. But she didn't pull any rank on me, I'll have you know. That's one of the advantages of being a grandfather; when someone starts giving you a ration of what-to-do, you just look down your nose at 'em and scowl. They'll leave you alone. I've reached the age where I don't take orders from anybody, not unless it's the doctor or Mary Frances.

REYNOLD DAVENPORT, 33°

The second of those weddings has proven quite fruitful, we having been advised to stand by to receive a great-grandchild in a few months or so. So I guess I was downright premature in saying earlier we had attained the ultimate, it appears the ultimate is yet to be.

Having gotten our grandsons properly grandparented into their respective states of matrimonial adventure, you might think we would have rested on our laurels. Not so. The daughter of our good neighbors in the house to our northeast had scheduled her wedding for last fall. All her natural grandparents being deceased, she asked us to serve as her honorary grandparents for the event. We felt signally honored by this invitation. And another thing: it gave us the opportunity to sit on the bride's side of the church for a change—'gave us a whole new perspective.

One thing for sure...we are now well practiced in the art of grandparenting weddings. Our two granddaughters, when they decide to tread the aisle, can feel assured of competency in the grandparents' pew.

But enough of weddings.

I've been really intrigued by the frequent commercials claiming a particular hearing aid will screen out the noises you do not wish to hear, leaving only the sound you seek.

Now that's what I call a highly educated instrument. Although I am not aware of any significant hearing loss, certainly not enough to require a hearing aid, I can nevertheless think of many ways I could use one with such capability. Just think how nice it would be to hear what someone was saying while the hearing aid blocked out the jet screaming overhead, or to be able to clearly hear the speaker despite the two old ladies exchanging recipes right behind you, or to hear the songbird in your maple tree without being distracted by your neighbor's mower.

There's just one thing. How does the little gadjet figure out what you do and do not wish to hear? The commercials do not address that question.

I gave away several thousand dollars the other day—at least. One of our neighbors uses firewood and I gave him the scrap lumber we had accumulated. Now I learn from television commercials I could have covered those pieces of wood in attractive colors and sold them to people who would use them to step up and down, on and off of to obtain their exercise. And Mary Frances has a step stool that should really be valuable; it is already brightly colored and a person can step up and down on it at just about any heights they fancy.

But who am I to poke fun? I have an exercise bike I have pumped away on for more than 24,000 miles, and the only progress it has ever made is when we've moved from one house to another. The least I could have done would have been to rig it up to power a couple of lamps, or something. It's been a good old bike, but I expect it to give up the ghost one of these days. Then maybe our neighbor will give back a few pieces of scrap lumber so I can start stepping up and down. I don't think Mary Frances will let me take over her step stool.

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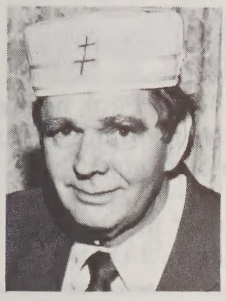

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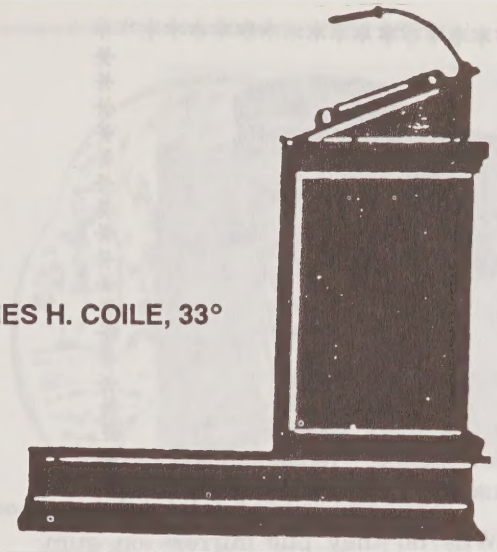

Created for God

One of the ancient Christian saints said in a recorded prayer to God, "You have created us for yourself, and our souls are restless until they find rest in you." Within these words is a great truth that is imbedded in the philosophy of the Masonic fraternity.

No atheist can be made a Mason. Every one of us has expressed to each other our faith in God. We believe in God, although we call him by a variety of names. This fact should not be disturbing to the particular faith of any of us. Think about your own religious commitment and the expression of your religious commitment. In your prayers, how many different names for the deity do you use addressing him. Most holy one, gracious Lord and Savior, God of our Fathers, Almighty Father, and Dear Lord God are just a few of the many names used to address God within the Christian faith; the religious doctrinal affirmation with which I am most familiar. We should never be disturbed that the descriptive names used to address the deity are different in the various religious communities when different names are used within the same community. Even though the membership of the Masonic fraternity is drawn from almost every religion on the face of the earth, every Mason has professed a belief in God. In some manner, every Mason practices his particular doctrinal affirmation and expresses his relationship with God in a variety of forms and languages.

There are two common traits running through the souls of human beings in their religious lives. The first of these has already been discussed briefly. All of us believe in the deity. There is something in our nature that expresses the need for a being greater than ourselves. It has been said by theologians, "If there were no God, man would have invented one because of man's basic need." But we believe that there is a God who created the world and who gave life to each of us. We believe that the God of all creation is concerned about each human being on the face of the earth. We believe that this God has revealed himself to us through the universe that he has created, through the literature and life of the religious communities around the globe, and through the revelation of himself to us as individuals. The spirit of God has not only "moved upon the face of the waters;" the spirit of God has also moved upon the lives of humankind. He has touched us collectively and individually. We believe in God because we have experienced his presence in the created order and in our lives as he has touched us with his loving power.

The second trait that is common to humankind is the yearning that is in the heart of us all to discover the deity, to learn of his wisdom and will, and to feel the presence of his love. Our lives are not complete without the presence of the deity inspiring us, motivating us, and directing us in that which we seek to do. We have discovered by experience that our own efforts do not amount to much if God is not present in our lives. Our understanding of God's omnipresence is insufficient to convince us that he is near. We want to personally know his presence. We want to feel his power and his love in our lives. We want to be aware of his presence every moment of every day. The experience of our lives convinces us that Saint Augustine was correct. Our souls are restless until we have discovered ourselves in the arms of God.

Consequently, we search for God in a variety of places and with a variety of methods. Our search continues until we experience the realization that God has been searching for us. He does not search in the usual sense of searching. God has been searching our hearts and minds, correcting the faults and flaws that we have placed there, and rebuilding the spiritual heart so that we might discover that he has been with us all along. We have not seen him because the world has claimed our attention. The passion of this life has blinded our souls' eyes. The selfishness of our hearts has turned our thoughts and vision inward. Yet even looking inward, we discover that God is at work on our hearts and minds, molding and enabling us to become the person he created us to become.

God created us for himself and God will not rest until he has claimed us for his own. We also do not rest until we discover that we are God's children and he is our God. Let us put an end to our search and yearning. Let us put an end to God's search and yearning. Let us yield ourselves to the Great Architect of the Universe and experience the love, peace, and joy that he gives to his children.

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The Lighter Side of Fayetteville

JAMES HAY 32° KCCH

A woman at the movies turned and said to the man in back of her, If my hat prevents your seeing the picture, I'll be happy to remove it.
Please don't bother, replied the man, your hat is much funnier than the picture.

Gambling is an excellent method of getting nothing for something.

I have arms, but no hands.
What am I?
A chair.

Why is it bad to write a letter on an empty stomach?
Because it's much better to write on paper.

How many hamburgers can you eat on an empty stomach?
Only one, because after that your stomach is no longer empty.

What do you take off last before getting into bed?
Your feet—off the floor.

What's the difference between here and there?
The letter "T"

What do you serve, but never eat?
A tennis ball.

Where did Noah keep his bees?
In the Ark hives.

What bird can be heard at meals?
A swallow.

Patient: Remember when I came to you last year for my rheumatism? You told me to avoid dampness.
Doctor: Yes, of course, what can I do for you now?
Patient: I'd just like to know if I could take a bath now.

Why do they put mirrors on gum machines?
So you can see what you look like when the gum does not come out.

In what month do people talk the least?
February—because it is the shortest.

How many sides has a box?
Two—the inside and the outside.

Knock knock
Who's there?
Tom
Tom who?
Tomorrow is another day.

Flood: A river too big for its bridges.

Tricycle: A tot rod.

Raisin: A worried grape.

What do you get if you cross an elephant and a cactus?
The biggest porcupine in the world.

How did the fire-breathing dragon burn his fingers?
He had a cold, and every time he sneezed he covered his mouth with his hand.

Teacher: Name four animals that belong to the cat family?
Little Lena: The mama cat, the papa cat, and two kittens.

Hired hand: Why are you using a toothbrush on your cow's teeth?
Farmer: So she'll give dental cream.

Patient: Doctor, you must do something for me; I snore so loudly, I wake myself up.
Doctor: In that case, I advise you to sleep in another room.

Diner: Waiter, there's a hair in my soup.
Waitress: Blonde or red? We're missing a waitress.

Burt: What would you do if you were in my shoes?
Kurt: Polish 'em.

Two little boys wanted to ask a favor of their mother.
"You ask her," said Paul, age ten.
"No," said Roy, age nine. "You ask, you've known her longer.

Horsepower was much safer when only horses had it.

What position do you play on the football team.
Oh, sort of crouched and bent over.

His skin is so bad, it looks like a relief map of the surface of the moon.

Dust: Mud, with the juice squeezed out.

Everybody loves a fat man.
Yes, but they make up jokes at his expanse.

Baby Candle: Mama, I feel hot.
Mama Candle: Hush, dear, it's only glowing pains.

Jester: Did you hear about the little worm who joined the army.
Lester: No, what about him?
Jester: He's in the Apple Corps.

Rick: My brother earns a living with his pen.
Nick: Is he an author?
Rick: No, he raises pigs.

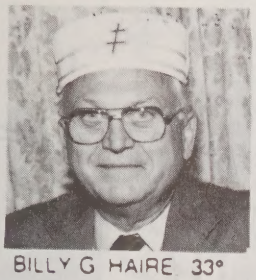
What did the chewing gum say to the shoe?
I'm stuck on you.

Art: I've changed my mind.
Bart: Oh, good, does it work better now?

Why did it take five simpletons to make popcorn?
One to hold the popper and four to shake the stove.

Teacher: Where doesn't it ever rain?
Student: Under an umbrella.

What do you get if you cross a hippo with a housefly?
I don't know, but you need a baseball bat to swat it.



BILLY G HAIRE 33°

Down Memory Lane

Happy New Year! Another holiday season has come and gone, and it was a great one. I hope each and everyone of us has taken the time to thank the Supreme Architect for His many blessings during the year 1992. Our Christmas "Open House" was a great success and it was worth everything to see the kids with Santa during his short visit. The Temple was beautifully decorated and the poinsettias were probably the prettiest I have ever seen. I estimate some 300 joined us at "Open House". I hope each of you were caught up in it as we celebrated the birth of our Savior. Our hearts go out to Mary Alice; our prayers are with you.

As we begin a new year in this last decade of the century let all of us work harder to make 1993 a banner year for Scottish Masonry in the Valley of New Bern. We have the spirit, we have the ability, and we have the brethren to make 1993 our greatest year, let's all make it happen.

75 Years Ago. Very little activity is recorded for the years 1917 and 1918. The Lodge of Perfection opened on November 20, 1917, and eleven brethren were elected to receive the fourth thru fourteenth degrees. Brother O.A. Kafer was a member of this class. On March 5, 1918, the Lodge opened with Brother F.M. Hahn as Master and new officers were elected for the year 1918. The following were elected: Brother Charles A. Seifert, Venerable Master; Brother Allie Cooke, Senior Warden; Brother Luby A. Harper, Junior Warden; and Brother T.A. Henry, Secretary. Installation of the above new officers was scheduled for Monday, April 1, 1918.

50 Years Ago. The Lodge opened at 8:00 P.M. on January 11, 1943, with thirty-eight members present. Brother Louis Howard presided. Officers for the Consistory were elected and installed. Brother Hallette L. Baer, Master; Brother Tom Slate, Prior; and Brother W.C. Chadwick, Almoner. The Enfield Bodies scheduled their reunion for December 17, 1943, and extended an invitation to all the brethren of the Valley of New bern to attend. It was duly ordered by the Lodge that the Secretary and Treasurer invest $10,000 of the Lodge funds in victory bonds.

25 Years Ago. This is the year that I became a Master Mason. I can't believe it's been this long. My, does time fly! Brother Nat Baxter, 33°, our Director of the Work, was elected Master of Kadosh for 1968. The Spring Reunion scheduled for April 9, 10 and 11 was re-scheduled for April 2, 3 and 4 so as to avoid any conflict with Holy Week. Brother James G. Johnston, S.G.I.G. published a review of our progress in 1987. North Carolina ranked number ten in the United States in membership but we were getting only one out of four Blue Lodge Masons to join the Scottish Rite. He challenged us all to work hard for membership in 1968. Brother Ed Blair published a beautiful article in the BAGPIPE entitled "Scottish Masonry's Challenge To Communism" that really brought about the true light in Scottish Masonry. We find the first indication as to when our Christmas "Open House" was started. The late Brother Bob Pugh, Secretary of the Valley of New Bern, came up with the idea from his "Kitchen Cabinet". If you remember President Andrew Jackson had a "Kitchen Cabinet" that produced some of the foundation stones of our democracy.

10 Years Ago. Brother Bill Clark, 32° KCCH, was the newly elected Master of Kadosh. Plans were getting underway for our "Spring Reunion" on April 7, 8 and 9 of 1983. Articles in the BAGPIPE have changed authors very little over the years. It's good to read articles by Reynold Davenport, Brother Clyde McCarver, and Brother James Coile. This year during the months of December and January we lost twenty-eight Scottish Masons from the Valley of New Bern as they were called to the Celestial Lodge above.

Space is running out so I had better close. Have a good year and let's all work for a banner year in Scottish Masonry. A thought to leave you with: "He who walks with wise men becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." (Proverbs 13:20).

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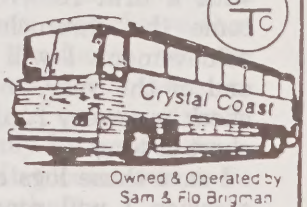

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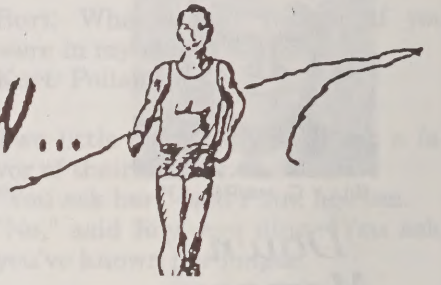

"so run, that ye may obtain"
(I Cor. 9:24)

by Bill Blair, 33°

Today I received my 1993 Runner's Log. I was almost like a child with a new Christmas toy. I read through it carefully, reviewing each of the pages and studying each of the sayings that were inscribed at the top. The log I use is filled with quotes. Some are thought-provoking and some are humorous, such as the one which reads: "Your medical tests are in. You are short, fat, and bald." Perhaps that one struck home because I naturally tend to drift in that direction. I am already short and bald, and only my hours spent on the pavement...my asphalt chapel...help me with the fat part.

There is another thing about my Runner's Log that also strikes me. It is filled with blank spaces. That's right, every day from Friday, January 1, 1993, until Friday, December 31, 1993, is completely blank. These are the spaces I am left to fill in. I found myself looking at these spaces with a firm resolve. This will become the chronicle of my year's achievement. I will be able, at the end of the year, to look back and check my every run, no matter how short or long.

I save these logs annually and on occasion I will read back and see where and how far I ran on a particular day and what, if any, significant details I recorded about the run. I have saved these logs since 1985 and thus they have become the history of my running. With a past log in one hand and my new log in the other, I can set goals for what I hope to do in 1993.

By now you may be asking yourself how my daily running journal affects you as a Scottish Rite Mason. I call you back to my new log and the blank spaces left for me to fill in. Each of us is on the brink of a new year. Nothing has been written on any of its pages. They are completely blank. What goes on those pages is entirely up to us. We are free to make our own resolutions about what we want to do with the year which lies ahead. My running goal for the year is to average at least 100 miles per month and to complete a marathon in the fall.

I challenge each of us to take down a blank calendar and look at each page. Each page is an opportunity for service to our fellowman and to our brethren in Masonry. We can set our own resolves in Masonry about what we hope to accomplish before the year ends. I challenge you to list your goals for the year and commit to them. Putting them in writing somehow solidifies your commitment and serves to remind you that you were serious about what you said you wanted to do. Just as I can look at my 1992 log and see my ups and downs for the year, you will have a way to monitor and check yourself. You can see where you have been and where you have left to go. You can see your successes and areas where you need to work a little harder for the good of the order.

One goal each of us could embrace for 1993 is to focus on our Spring Reunion and how we as Masons can make it bigger and better. We can all play a role in this reunion...it can become ours to make the best ever.

Almost every year I run the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. It is also called the "People's Marathon" because it is open to all who wish to enter. Its participants range from the most elite runner to those who daily plod along in preparation for completing just one marathon. I suggest that we call this Spring Reunion, no matter what its official title, the "People's Reunion" to remind us we can all play a part in making it the best ever.

Back to the empty 1993 Runner's Log which lies before me. What I put on these pages is representative of how well and how faithfully I train. If I do nothing, the pages remain empty and my goals go unfulfilled. I challenge each of you to begin training today for the "People's Reunion." It will require a commitment, but I have faith in each of you and your ability to turn this goal into a reality.

Brethren, 1993 is an empty space. We put in what we will. I give you another quote from my 1993 log: "Life is like a game of cards. The hand that is dealt you represents determinism; the way you play it is free will." I look forward to seeing you at the "People's Reunion" this spring. It will not be a "People's Reunion" unless we all do our part, talking it up in our Blue Lodge, soliciting petitions, or taking part in the ritualistic work itself.

I leave you with this thought for the Spring Reunion and for 1993 as a whole. If you don't know where you are going, you won't know when you get there. Do we know where we are going in 1993? 1992 is past. All its joys and sorrows are beyond our reach. This leaves us only the days ahead.

All its joys and sorrows are beyond our reach. This leaves us only the days ahead. I wish each of you heaven's blessings in 1993 and thank you for journeying with me "In the Long Run."

T. BRUCE BOYETTE, 33°

Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love

The Points of Fellowhsip

When we sit in Lodge and listen to the lecture following a degree it is all too easy to either become mesmerized by the proficiency and expertise of an accomplished lecturer or to suppose that since we heard the lecture time and time again the lecturer's oration is intended only for benefit of the candidate. So much of our valuable ritualistic teaching can be lost, not only by the candidate, but by those brethren present, if either merely listens to the words without giving thought to the importance of what is being said. Such is the case of one of the most important teachings of Masonry. A simple lesson that takes so little time to tell, less than one minute, but can have so much importance on our Masonic life.

To go on foot and out of our way to assist and serve a worthy brother is more significant today than it was in ancient times. Ours is a mobile society. So much concern is placed on personal and family needs that little thought is given to others. We are a "me" society, taking the easy way. The quick-fix adequately satifies our desires. Little or no effort is made to assist others unless we are forcefully reminded by natural disasters or extreme emergency that there are people, often brother Masons, with needs greater than our own.

We are urged to remember our brother's welfare in our devotions to Deity. Perhaps the underlying significance of this lesson is that we do, in fact, pray. And, that we realize the importance of our Creator in our, and our brother's daily lives. But, if we do not pray for ourselves it is unlikely that we will pray for others. Even if we do pray, and pray on a daily basis, are we so consumed by our own needs and desires that we completely forget the needs and desires of our brother?

Surely, the prayer of praise that God loves best is one offered for the benefit of others...a brother in need.

Masonry is not a "Secret Society". Membership is known and bragged about. Notice of our meetings appear in public newspapers. Masonic honors are regularly published and recognized. We make no secret of our affiliation with the fraternity, other Masons, and the other Masonic Bodies. Yet, one of our most binding obligations is to keep secret thoses private things imparted to us by a worthy brother. To know that we can confide in and rely upon our brothers in Masonry is one of the greatest gifts we can offer each other. To violate such a trust would be an unspeakable travesty.

To lend support and not withdraw a supporting hand from the back of a falling brother is not only a privilege and pleasure, but a duty and an obligation. It is not meant that membership in our fraternity should entitle a member who is unwilling to provide for himself an endless supply of support or charity. But it does mean that we should not hesitate to offer unyielding support to a worthy brother who is making efforts to sustain himself in his time of need—whether it be by spiritual, physical, or financial means.

As any candidate can tell you, Masonry is learned from mouth to ear. In other words, the candidate must be verbally coached on the catechism and he must learn word for word by repetition. Nothing may be written down in order to memorize it more easily. The instruction is truly mouth to ear. But mouth to ear indicates more than memorizing catechisms. It is also that communication from one person to another that is done in such a low voice that only the intended listener can hear and understand the words that are said. It is a sincere method that requires effort on the part of the listener as well as the communicator. It is the kind of communication that requires close personal contact. In this way we can give good counsel to an erring brother. We can remind him in the most tender manner of his faults, aid him in correcting them, and warn him of any impending danger.

There is nothing more difficult than offering criticism to a close friend, even if it constructive in nature and offered in the most compassionate way. We fear the loss of our brother's friendship. We know that the possibility of being misunderstood, of creating an almost automatic resentment, and of causing a rift in our friendship is so great that most of us just can't bring ourselves to make such a commitment. Yet, such commitment can only evolve from a firm desire to assist our brother. The abillity to make such a commitment to our brother requires more than just a superficial understanding of the teachings of our craft. Such commitment is born from an inner desire to actually live by the doctrines of Masonry. It is nurtured by the assurance that the principles of friendship, morality, and brotherly love are more than just words. It only blooms when we achieve that selfless state produced by the knowledge that Masonry is more than an organized group of individuals bound only by words, signs, and ceremony. It blooms when we realize we are brothers.

The Hiramic legend is so familiar to all of us and so forcefully portrayed that we should never forget the central lesson it teaches. Let us also remember and understand those excellent maxims given us upon The Points of Fellowship.

So Mote It Be

OUR CHRISTMAS OPEN

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Together at Christmas.

Friends enjoy Christmas cheer.

Visits with Santa.

Something Further In The West

Some animals have a way of "scent marking" their territory and then vigorously defending it against intrusion. Geographic lines are essential in our civilization, and have been employed from the earliest times, since nomadic tribes settled down.

In times past, however, some masonic bodies have been hampered by strict adherence to territorial restrictions. For example, some Scottish Rite valleys have been excessively competitive, even ugly in vying for candidates. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and perhaps others, has a history of rigid and uncompromising enforcement of territorial restrictions both for itself and its subordinate lodges. This might just be another "ancient and accepted" tradition that is long overdue for change.

We like to think of masonic bodies as being democratic, but they are not. The government of the Scottish Rite is vested in 33 "Sovereigns" and deputies, each is an autocrat in his respective Orient. His word is law; his edicts irrevocable by him alone, and "at his will and pleasure".

The Grand Lodge is largely controlled by "the BOOK". The chief is virtually a transient, serving only one year before being replaced. The keepers of the book have their own interpretation. Each subordinate lodge has 3 votes in the annual Grand Lodge communication: Many times those entitled to cast a vote are not well seasoned, mature masons.

This, brethren, is "where we are at". We have committed ourselves in the several degrees to faithful obedience to authority, under the most severe penalties. This is not life threatening, however; if we can't stand the heat, we can get out of the kitchen!

Regarding territorial jurisdiction, our wise S.G.I.G. has seen fit to virtually eliminate them, in Scottish Rite. There is presently a move in Grand Lodge to do the same. We hope so.

There are, also, other proposed amendments in Grand Lodge that can have far reaching impact, maybe disastrous, on many of our smaller, struggling lodges. One proposed amendment would set the minimum fee for initiation at $150. Some others are in sharp contrast to our masonic tradition.

Brethren, let me urge, implore you to study these proposals seriously (your secretary has a copy); and be well prepared to vote for the good of masonry next April at Grand Lodge! I speak to masters and wardens; they being the ones to vote.

I have yet another urgent request of you, PAY YOUR DUES!! Each year members are slower and slower in paying their dues. Every year expenses get higher and higher. Every year, as a result, our fiscal conditions become more strained. Futhermore, you don't have the grace period as in former years. You are suspended (NPD) as you become 2 years in arrears. DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE IN ADVANCE!

The valley of Enfield is back on schedule regarding stated meetings (3rd) Wednesday 7:00 P.M. We plan installation of officers Feb. 17. Reunion dates are March 24 and October 27.

Fraternally,
Jesse W. Harris, Secretary

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Call of Chapter—To Labor
Jerry Stapleford, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master, Presiding
Prayer—Billy G. Haire, 33°
Remarks
"Calvary"
Address—Howard E. Simpson, Jr., 32°
Call of Chapter—To Refreshments
Mystic Banquet
Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights

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Easter Sunday
April 11, 1993—7:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST

LUX TENEBRIS

"THE MOMENT when the word was received; when the Cubical Stone was changed into the Mystic Rose; when the Blazing Star re-appeared in all its splendor, the Columns of the Temple were re-established and the Working Tools of Masonry were restored; when the True Light dispelled the Darkness, and the New Law began to rule upon the earth."

Call of Chapter — To Labor
Jerry Stapleford, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master, Presiding
Call of Chapter — To Refreshment
Mystic Banquet
Ceremony of Relighting the Lights
Benediction

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Maundy Thursday and Easter Ritualistic Team

Jerry Stapleford, 32°, KCCH	Wise Master
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Billy G. Haire, 33°	Chaplain
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James A. Tadlock, Jr., 32°	Asst. Expert
H.W. Gillikin, 32°, KCCH	Guardian of Temple
Wm. L. Kilpatrick, 33°	Recorder

"The meetings of Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday are indispensable. Even if a Knight be alone in a place, he must, in spirit at least, meet on the former day with his brethren. If a brother be traveling and meets another on the road, they are obliged to go to some convenient place to perform this duty. If two Knights live within twenty miles of each other they must meet and celebrate the mystic supper.

In Memoriam

Vance Tucker Corey, Jr., 32°, Winterville, NC.....November 12, 1992
Forrest Warren Tingle, 32°, Oriental, NC.....November 12, 1992
Elwood John VanAtta, 32°, Spring Lake, NC.....September 21, 1992
William Loren Spillman, 32°, Tarboro, NC.....November 18, 1992
Joe Quillian Thomas, Jr., 32°, Kinston, NC.....November 25, 1992
Jackson Umfrette Vaughan, 32°, Halifax, NC.....November 28, 1992
Lonnie Marshal Blackburn, 32°, Southern Pines, NC.....December 1, 1992
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Willie Warren Spruill, 32°, Edenton, NC.....November 30, 1992
Billy White Hill, 32°, Dover, NC.....December 6, 1992
Henry Paul Stevens, 32°, New Bern, NC.....December 6, 1992
David Earl Redditt, 32°, Aurora, NC.....December 6, 1992
Arvle Raymond Brake, 32°, Kinston, NC.....December 7, 1992
Ronald Rudolph Mobley, 32°, Rocky Mount, NC.....December 9, 1992
Arthur Roy Bloss, 32°, Jacksonville, NC.....December 10, 1992
Clifford Maxwell Merrill, Sr., 32°, Beaufort, NC.....December 8, 1992
Charles A.G. Thomas, III, 32°, Rocky Mount, NC.....December 26, 1992
Danny Ray Herring, 32°, Youngsville, NC.....December 23, 1992
Harry Vernon Willis, 32° KCCH, Beaufort, NC.....December 23, 1992
David Edward Reid, Jr., 32°, Greenville, NC.....December 27, 1992
Charles Henry Marshburn, 32°, Rocky Mount, NC.....December 30, 1992
Denzel Franklin Walker, 32°, Fayetteville, NC.....November 11, 1992
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Harry Vernon Willis, 32°, KCCH

Harry Vernon Willis, son of the late James Watson and Amanda Goodwin Willis, was born on June 10, 1909, in Lola, NC. A retired Coast Guardsman, he owned and operated a marina on Taylor's Creek in Beaufort. He was a loyal member of the Ann Street United Methodist Church for more than forty years. He was married to the late Marie S. Willis.

Our Brother was raised a Master Mason on February 4, 1944, in Ocean Lodge No. 89 in Belmar, New Jersey. He demitted to Franklin Lodge No. 109 in 1948 and joined Crissie Wright Lodge No. 741 in 1968. He held dual membership in these lodges until his death. He served as Master of Crissie Wright Lodge in 1980.

He became a Master of the Royal Secret or 32° in 1963 and faithfully served the Scottish Rite. He was a past Secretary and Past President of the East Carteret County Scottish Rite Club and worked diligently in securing candidates for the Scottish Rite Degrees. He was honored by the Supreme Council in 1975 when he received the investiture of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.

He became a Shriner in 1964 and was active in the Carteret County Shrine Club where he was a Past President and a past Club Manager.

Our Brother entered the Celestial Lodge Above on Wednesday, December 23, 1992. Funeral services were held at Brooks Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, December 26. Burial with Masonic rites followed in Ocean View Cemetery in Beaufort.

Brother Willis is survived by 2 nephews, Richard Hunnings of Beaufort and Vernon J. Hunnings of Mobile, Alabama; and 2 nieces, Marie Canfield of Mobile, Alabama and Callie Vice of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

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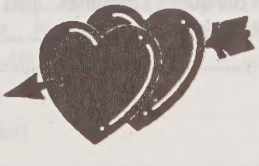

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Initiations		$ 22, 675.00
Dues		196, 100.00
Rent		4,000.00
Interest		15,000.00
Bagpipe		1,500.00
Other		8,500.00
		$247,775.00
1993 Estimated Expenditures		
Supreme Council Per Capita & Initiations	$38,000.00	$ 38,000.00
Bagpipe	11,000.00	11,000.00
ADMINISTRATION		
Salary - Secretary	25,800.00	
Salary - Clerical	34,126.85	
Salary Reunion	250.00	
Office Supplies & Expense	2,000.00	
Supreme Council Billing Expense	3,500.00	
Telephone	1,700.00	
Postage	8,000.00	
Office Equipment - Maintenance	1,500.00	
Office Equipment - Purchase & Rental	750.00	
Taxes	6,000.00	
Audit	3,400.00	
Insurance	17,000.00	
Hospitalization	8,000.00	
Laundry	300.00	112,326.85
BUILDING		
Salary - Janitorial	13,151.32	
Repairs & Maintenance	5,000.00	
Janitorial Supplies	500.00	
Elevator	1,200.00	
Utilities	15,000.00	
Kitchen Utensils	100.00	34,951.32
REUNIONS		
Spring Reunion	9,000.00	
Spring Reunion - Staff	475.00	
Fall Reunion	9,000.00	
Fall Reunion - Staff	475.00	18,950.00
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Easter Services	600.00	
Meeting Night Refreshments	100.00	
Robes	150.00	
First Aid	50.00	
Stage Equipment & Supplies	250.00	1,650.00
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Memorials & Flowers	750.00	
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TRAVEL		
Supreme Council	3,000.00	
KCCH Travel	3,500.00	
Misc. Travel	2,500.00	9,000.00
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I wish to express my appreciation to the Scottish Rite for the beautiful flower arrangement—it is one of the prettiest I have ever seen and lots of people made the same comment. Also thanks for the use of the hospital bed, table and walker—they made it so much easier for us to handle Bill and make him more comfortable. This could not have been possible without the men who delivered and picked up this equipment—so a big THANKS to them.

The Scottish Rite is great to work for and the biggest helping hand I have ever seen, whether it be the Scottish Rite as a Body or an individual Scottish Rite member.

Thanks for the food, flowers, personal expressions of sympathy, memorials made to the North Carolina Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation in memory of Bill and the prayers that have helped me through the most hurtful and lonesome time of my life. Without God's help and your help I could not have made it.

God's blessings to each and everyone of you.

Your most grateful friend,
Mary Alice Elliott

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	Fees	Dues
Lodge of Perfection	$ 70.00	$13.25
Chapter of Rose Croix	35.00	7.25
Council of Knights of Kadosh	35.00	7.25
Consistory	35.00	7.25
Total	$175.00	$35.00

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Valley of New Bern — Orient of North Carolina

Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, New Bern, N. C. ..... 19.....
(Date)

BRETHREN:

I, the undersigned, am a Master Mason in good standing in .....

Lodge No. ....., located at ..... under the jurisdiction of the Grand
(City and State)

Lodge of ....., and I have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for a period of six months. I have never* previously applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the Degrees from the ..... ° to the ..... °, inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

If applicable, complete this section. I belong to:

..... Lodge of Perfection at .....
(Name) (City and State)

..... Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix at .....
(Name) (City and State)

..... Council of Knights of Kadosh at .....
(Name) (City and State)

Print Name in Full—Do Not Use Initials

Print First Name	Print Middle Name	Print Last Name

Residence ..... City ..... County ..... State

Date of Birth ..... Month ..... Day ..... Year

Place of Birth ..... City ..... County ..... State

My occupation, position or trade is that of .....
(State fully nature of your duties)

Employed by ..... Hat Size .....
(Name of Firm or Business

(If retired, give information, as requested, for former occupation.)

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Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? .....
Yes or No

No. 2. Have you ever held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with any organization which has? ..... If you answer "yes" to this question give particulars on reverse side.
Yes or No

Mailing Address ..... Zip Code .....

Phone - Home( ) ..... Business( ) .....

RECOMMENDED BY

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Amount of fee accompanying petition, $.....
(Make checks payable to Secretary)

Sign .....
(Signature—Full name, no initials)

*If applicant has previously applied for any of the degrees, he will strike out the word "never," and explain fully time, place, and to whom such application was made.

HAVE TWO MEMBERS OF THE RITE RECOMMEND YOUR APPLICATION:

Address: SECRETARY SCOTTISH RITE
516 Hancock St., New Bern, N.C. 28560
Phone No. 638-4031

Credit for Petition Assigned to: .....
(This credit will go toward cap or medal)

Petition Secured By .....
(If Ambassador, indicate such and show Blue Lodge)

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(Scottish Rite Club)

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